

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asami, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,568,675) in view of Wollar (U.S. Pat. No. 4,405,272). Claims 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Asami, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,568,675) in view of Wollar (U.S. Pat. No. 4,405,272) and further in view of Hasselbacher (U.S. Patent No. 4,158,512). In view of the amendments and arguments herein, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to independent Claims 1 and 9. These claims include the limitation that the pin and bush members have planar surfaces which are configured to be slidably engagable with each other. These planar surfaces are configured to slide against each other to separate the pair of legs.

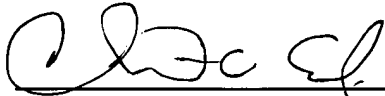
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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